

ROCK ISLAND TRAINS COLLIDE

Thirty-three Killed When Two
Passenger Trains Come Together
Head-on in Kansas.

FIVE COACHES ARE CONSUMED IN FLAMES

Boy Operator at Vellan, Kan.,
Allowed No. 29 to Pass After
Getting Orders to Hold—
Wreck in Montana.

By Associated Press.
TOPEKA, Kan., January 2.—Two white men, a negro train porter and about thirty Mexican laborers lost their lives and fifty-five persons were injured when two passenger trains on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad collided head-on four miles west of Vellan, Kan., at 10 o'clock this morning.

The trains are Nos. 29 and 30, running between Chicago and El Paso. They met on a sharp curve with fearful impact.

Train Partly Destroyed
Adding to the horror of the collision, fire from lamps in the car and from the locomotives was communicated to the splintered wreckage and spread rapidly, consuming five forward cars of No. 29, westbound, and burning a number of passengers.

The dead are:
JULIUS BURMEISTER, Davenport, Iowa, aged 38.

WILLIAM T. MILLER, Soldier City, Kan.

ALBERT LINK, Topeka, colored porter.

FRANK SAYER, passenger, New London, Mo.

Mexican laborers numbering supposedly between twenty-five and thirty persons.

Unknown white man from Mitchell, Iowa.

The fatally injured are two Mexican laborers.

William T. Miller, who was riding on the blind baggage, was crushed to death. A man who had just returned from the scene of the wreck said: "Over thirty passengers were burned to death."

May Never Know Number Dead
The exact number of dead will probably never be known, as the bodies of a number of Mexicans were completely destroyed by flames and the charred bodies were crushed to ashes by the removal of wreckage.

Blame Boy Operator
Officials of the company place the blame on John Lynes, the 19-year-old operator at Vellan, who failed to stop No. 29 at his station after receiving orders to hold it there until No. 30 had passed. Lynes is being held by the authorities at Alma for investigation.

Tore Leg from Body
All of the dead and injured that had been taken from the wreck were brought here where the injured were placed in the hospital. Two of the injured Mexicans died on the way to Topeka and Link, the negro porter, died at the hospital shortly afterwards.

When Link was rescued it was necessary to tear one of his legs from his body to extricate him from the wreckage.

Five minutes before the trains crashed together operators for hundreds of miles along the line knew the collision was certain, as Lynes had wired from Vellan that he had let No. 29 pass, but there was no earthly means of preventing the disaster. At 8 o'clock to-night the railroad company had completed a steady track around the wreck and had again opened the line.

A Hooded Engine
Rock Island engine No. 1234, which pulled train No. 29 this morning, is the same engine that drew the Rock Island

passenger train which was wrecked at Willard, Kan., in January, 1904, resulting in the loss of twenty lives. The two wrecks occurred less than thirty miles apart. The same engine has been in three other wrecks in the same location.

It is not known to a certainty that Julius Burmeister of Davenport is dead, but there is practically no chance that he is alive. He was one of a party of eight home-seekers from Davenport who were riding in the chair car. Shortly before the collision he had gone into the smoker and since the wreck his companions have been unable to find any trace of his body.

It is believed he was burned to death and the corpse charred beyond recognition.

The operator is still in jail at Alma tonight. The people of Washburn county are all in sympathy with Lynes and if an effort is made to convict him of manslaughter it will probably fail. Twelve bodies burned beyond recognition lie in a boxcar in Alma, Kan., tonight. They will be buried tomorrow afternoon.

Woman's Body Found
TOPEKA, Kan., January 3.—A charred body supposed to be that of a woman has been taken from the wreck.

Various pieces of jewelry were found together with a few long hairs sticking to the charred bones.

Two inquests will be held, one at Topeka and one at Alma. The one at Topeka is made necessary by the fact that two of the victims died after being brought here. Both inquests will be held this afternoon.

Two Burned to Death
BUTTE, Mont., January 2.—A wreck occurred at 2:30 this morning at Coal spar, situated on the Northern Pacific, seven miles west of here, in which two men of Livingston, Mont., lost their lives.

The dead are:
JAMES CARUSO, locomotive engineer.

J. A. STORY, freight conductor.

The men were riding in the caboose of an extra freight. The train was struck by two light engines. It seems that the wreck and loss of life is due to Operator J. S. Brady, at Hoppers, permitting the light engines to enter the block east of the station before he got a clear track from the operator at Coal Spar.

The caboose immediately took fire and both men were burned to death. Operator Brady admits that he was at fault in letting the engines enter the track before he received a clearance. He stated that his rest is badly disturbed and that he is unable to get more than two hours sleep continuously.

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Further charges are that the exchange is using the mails in advertising their business to the legitimate cotton trade.

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COTTON 'CHANGE IS UNDER FIRE

Southern Business Men Ask the
Postmaster General for a
Fraud Order.

DECLARE BUSINESS IS FRAUDULENT

Charge that New York Cotton
Exchange Has Become a
Purely Gambling Affair—
Want Mails Denied Them.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, January 2.—Charges of fraud were filed late this afternoon with Postmaster General Cortelyou against the officers and members of the New York Cotton exchange by Representative Livingston of Georgia and Harvey Jordan, president of the Southern Association of Atlanta. In the charges filed they base their request that the postoffice department issue a fraud order against the officials and members of the New York Cotton exchange in order to bar them from the use of the United States mails in connection with what the charges term fraudulent practices. The postmaster general referred the charges to Judge Goodwin, assistant attorney general for the postoffice department.

It is likely that a hearing on the charges will be held by Judge Goodwin before the determination of the question is reached.

What the Charges Are
The following is a summary of the charges presented to Cortelyou: "We charge that the New York Cotton exchange has developed into a purely gambling exchange and that the grades of cotton shipped to New York cannot be used for commercial spinning purposes, and such grades of cotton are used to depress the price of spinners in the south and to further the speculative features of the New York Cotton exchange."

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The morgue master found a piece of a baby's skull, a man's foot badly crushed and encased in the shoe, the hand of a woman and a portion of a human face. He also found toes and other parts of women's and children's bodies and those of men all ground into coal dust.

RAILROAD STRIKE IN BULGARIA FOR INCREASE

NEW HAMPSHIRE AT LAST GETS GOVERNOR

By Associated Press.
CONCORD, N. H., January 2.—Chas. M. Floyd of Manchester, Republican, was elected governor of New Hampshire by the state legislature at the opening session of that body today and will be formally inaugurated tomorrow.

The choice of governor by the legislature was made by the failure of any candidate at the November election to secure a majority of votes.

CASSATT LEAVES ALL TO WIFE AND CHILDREN

By Associated Press.
PHILADELPHIA, January 2.—Cassatt for the estate of the late A. J. Cassatt issued a statement today saying that Mr. Cassatt left his entire fortune to Mrs. Cassatt and in equal shares to the children. Mrs. Cassatt and the three children and the Fidelity Trust company of Philadelphia were appointed executors of the will. No value is set on the estate.

TERRORISTS KILL TWO GENDARMES IN WARSAW

By Associated Press.
WARSAW, Russian Poland, January 2.—Two terrorists shot and killed two gendarmes on Granibna street today and fled. Soldiers started in pursuit and opened fire on the assassins, but the bullets went wild and wounded four pedestrians.

GILA COUNTY'S NEWEST RESERVE

President Issues Proclamation
Regarding the Petrified Forests
of Territory.

ARE SET ASIDE AS NATIONAL MONUMENT

No One Allowed to Tamper with
Fossilized Trees or to Locate
Upon Any of Lands Reser-
vated by Proclamation.

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., January 2.—Copies of President Roosevelt's proclamation setting aside the "petrified forests" of Gila and Apache counties, Arizona, as the "Petrified Forest National Monument" have been received here.

The proclamation, which is based on the act of congress of June 8, 1906, declares that the "Mesquite forests, commonly known as 'petrified forests,' in the territory of Arizona, situated upon public lands and controlled by the United States, are of greatest scientific interest and value. It appears that the public good would be promoted by reserving these deposits of fossilized wood as a national monument with as much land as may be necessary for the proper protection thereof."

The proclamation concluded: "Warning is hereby given to all unauthorized persons not to appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any of the mineralized forest remains hereby declared to be a national monument or to locate or settle upon any lands reserved and made part of said monument by this proclamation."

EL PASO MEXICANS IN A DESPERATE BATTLE

By Associated Press.
EL PASO, Texas, January 2.—One man is dead, one severely wounded and another slightly wounded as the result of a desperate fight which occurred yesterday between Mexicans in a house on the road nine miles east of here. Nothing was known of the affair until the dead and mutilated body of Rupert Gallegos, a well known Mexican citizen, was found in the road today. The wounded men were found and jailed.

GANS AND BRITT TO SCRAP FOR BIG PURSE

By Associated Press.
TONOPAH, Nev., January 2.—Articles for a finish fight between Joe Gans and Jimmy Britt were signed today. The purse is to be \$25,000, 60 per cent to go to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser. The weight will be 133 pounds two hours before the fight.

MANY ENGINEERS DEMAND A RAISE

All West of Chicago Demand
an Increase of Wages and
an Eight-Hour Day.

U. P. GENERAL MANAGER GIVES OUT STATEMENT

Tells What Would Follow Ex-
tension of Firemen Strike—
Conductors Not in Sympathy
—Switchmen Fail to Strike.

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, January 2.—Demands on all the railroads operating west of this city for an increase of wages and the eight-hour day were made today by 57,000 locomotive engineers through their representatives at a conference with the railroad managers. The managers have taken the demands under consideration and will reply tomorrow.

Mohler's Statement
OMAHA, Neb., January 2.—A. Mohler, vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific railroad, with reference to the announcement of Hannan of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen that the strike will be extended to other lines of the Southern Pacific makes the following statement: "The proposed strike of firemen on the Union Pacific in the face of a separate agreement made with them in April and without any dissatisfaction or desire to leave the service of the company will leave the men without the support of the state and federal government. The situation is already serious, and will be further extended and intensified by causing untold suffering of innocent people. Unless the railroad management had the support of the state and government officials the responsibility for suffering cannot rest with the officials of the company."

USED POISON TO END STRIKE

Union Bakers in Chicago Throw
Carbolic Acid on Hundreds
of Loaves of Bread

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, January 2.—Four men said to be members of the bakers' union have been arrested on charges of putting acids on hundreds of loaves of bread which was distributed among the Jewish residents on the West side. A strike is in progress at a local bakery and it is claimed that the strike sympathizers threw acid and also iodine on wagonloads of bread and rolls after they left the bakery.

The police confiscated many baskets of poisoned bread and are holding them for evidence. In the pockets of the four men arrested were found bottles of carbolic acid and packages of iodine.

No Sympathy Here
EL PASO, Texas, January 2.—W. M. Stockwell, chairman of the railroad conductors' order for this division of the Southern Pacific, gave out a statement today denying the firemen's statement that the conductors were in sympathy with the striking Southern Pacific firemen, but that they were neutral and have no grievance against the Southern Pacific.

Switchmen Still Working
NEW ORLEANS, La., January 2.—The rumored sympathetic strike of the switchmen of the Southern Pacific company failed to materialize here today.

GENERAL BELL DIES IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, January 2.—Brigadier General George A. Bell, U. S. A., retired, died at his residence in this city today. He was breveted four times for gallant conduct during the Civil war.

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